

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK  
SESSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 AT 5:30 IN THE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Tonita Gurulé-Girón

**COUNCILORS:** Barbara A. Casey  
Vincent Howell  
David L. Romero  
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk  
David Silva, Acting City Attorney  
Chris Lopez, Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilor Romero thanked God for healing touches to City Councilors, constituents and all others.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Ulibarri made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes



City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Acting City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised that there was no one signed up for public input.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Award request for bid #2018-16 for the Bradner fill line project Hays Plumbing and Heating, Inc.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that this project included construction of the Bradner reservoir fill pipeline section of Phase I of the Raw Water Conveyance pipeline and added that it was a waterline that would be installed that would take water from either the river, Peterson Dam or from Storrie Lake and put into Bradner Dam. She advised that the installation of this line would improve water quality and that it was funded by Water Trust Board Grant Loan (75/25) of 1.3 million dollars. Utilities Director Gilvarry stated that AUI and Hays Plumbing submitted bids, both being good companies although Hays Plumbing came in with the lower bid and met the qualifications, the bid was reviewed by engineers and found no issues.

Councilor Casey asked how many projects Hays Plumbing was currently working on.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that they were currently finishing up the Cinder Road project although were on hold with the Storrie project due to the weather and probably would not be able to continue until late this year.

Councilor Howell asked what the projected start date of the project was after it would be approved.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that they would begin mid to late March 2018 and added that this project would be much shorter than the Bradner rehabilitation project.



Councilor Howell asked Ms. Gilvarry if she could give an understanding of what New Mexico Representative Salazar spoke about at the Legislative Session regarding the reauthorization funding for the Bradner Rehabilitation project.

Utilities Director Gilvarry stated that Representative Salazar advised that he had submitted a request for the reauthorization which was the City's and the engineers' request to extend the Bradner funding until the end of the year due to the fact that it would be expiring June 30th. She explained that the extension would allow enough time to meet the completion of the project under the funding time frame.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked a question regarding the ground breaking ceremony publicity.

Public Information Officer Lee Einer advised that he would look into that matter.

Councilor Casey asked how much the City paid on the contract with C.E.S every year.

Acting City Manager Gallegos and Utilities Director advised that the City pays 1% of the contract to the C.E.S contract and informed that the amount was \$161,000.00.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Resolution No. 18-16 for submission of a completed application for financial assistance and project approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that the resolution would allow the City to submit an application to NMFA for new money financing to purchase perpetual water storage rights at Storrie Lake. Funding amount requested is \$4,570,000.00. The Funding agency requires that the application be submitted through an approved resolution. Utilities Director Gilvarry added that it could be reduced due to a portion of \$410,000.00 set up to pay for the debt reserve for the last year.

Councilor Casey was concerned regarding the application of the loan dated: February 8, 2018, having Mrs. Gallegos as the contact person and explained that she was hoping it would read "Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager" in order to clarify that Mrs. Gallegos was not the Acting Finance Director at this point



and time. She added that she did not want to have any legal problems being that there was a strict prohibition of her doing two jobs at the same time.

Acting City Manager Gallegos advised Councilor Casey that the language requested would be added to the application.

Councilor Casey asked a question regarding some of the questions of the application referring to owning the land and asked if the City owned the land at Storrie Lake.

Utilities Director Gilvarry clarified that the City would own the easement and referred to what the City would be acquiring.

Councilor Casey asked how much we would be paying yearly on the loan until the year 2020.

Acting City Manager Gallegos advised that the first payment would be \$390,000.00 and would be between that and \$425,000.00 per year for 11 years.

Brief discussion took place regarding GRT collections.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Publication of Ordinance No. 18-01 to enter into a loan agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that this loan was for the purpose of obtaining funding in the amount of \$4,570,000.00 with interest for financing the acquisition of water storage rights. The loan will be repaid from the distributions of the revenues from GRT. The funding agency requires that the loan be approved through ordinance.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Review and approval of contract between the City of Las Vegas and Superior Ambulance.



Fire Chief Billy Montoya advised that the City of Las Vegas Fire Department went out for request for proposals and Superior Ambulance was the sole bidder for the proposal.

Fire Chief Montoya introduced Superior Ambulance CEO Chris Archuleta and advised they had presented in December for approval to enter into negotiations with Superior Ambulance and advised that all Attorneys had come to an agreement, the price remained at \$175,000.00 and stated that there would be three dedicated ambulances strictly for the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Casey asked a question regarding the contract stating if there is something that is creating a problem for the ambulance to get where it needed to go, using the example of no lights or no street signs, which the City is responsible for. Councilor Casey asked how this problem would be handled by the City so that the ambulance service could perform their duties as specified in the contract.

Acting Public Works Danny Gurulé advised that the signage was being ordered and that those matters were being addressed.

Acting City Manager Gallegos advised that Councilor Howell had recently requested signage and that they are working with Public Facilities on those issues. She asked Fire Chief Montoya if they have had any issues regarding not identifying locations.

Fire Chief Montoya advised that he had not received word of any issues and added that the agreement with Superior Ambulance did include that they use GPS in their units.

Councilor Casey asked Mr. Archuleta if they usually collected the demographic data that is required in the contract normally and if he had read and agreed with the terms of the contract.

Mr. Archuleta informed that they do collect the data, put it on record and added that they would formulate a process that Fire Chief Montoya would need to present to Council. He advised Councilor Casey he reviewed and agreed to the terms of the contract.

Councilor Casey requested an amendment on the language regarding the agreement, page 8, Article 16. Amendments to specify "both parties" for more



clarification. She thanked and commended Mr. Archuleta for suggesting that his ambulance personnel take classes in Spanish, as there was a need for that in this community.

Councilor Howell thanked Chief Montoya for addressing the issues regarding Dalbey Street and added that he heard of a recent incident at the New Mexico Behavioral Health involving an ambulance called that was not able to locate the building there, causing someone to pass away due to the ambulance not arriving at the building. He felt that the issue should be addressed.

Mr. Archuleta advised that he was not aware of that information but would look into it.

Fire Chief Montoya advised that usually when a call would come in from New Mexico Behavioral Health, they had security stand by and meet first responders at Gallegos Road so that they may direct them straight to the building to avoid confusion. He added that quarterly meetings would take place to discuss issues at hand.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

5. Change out the existing hangar door at the Las Vegas Municipal Airport. Replace high voltage switch with a low voltage push button.

Acting Public Works Director Gurule advised that the hangar door did not open and the cable was starting to fray, making it unsafe. A new door will be safer and more efficient. Replacing the high voltage switch with a low voltage switch will be safer for the user.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that after an investigative report the door was determined to be a safety hazard and should be replaced as soon as possible.

Acting Public Works Director Gurule informed that the door would be 58 feet long by 16 feet with all hardware included.

Interim City Manager Gallegos informed that the project would take about 3 weeks to complete.



Councilor Casey stated that bid documents were not included in the packet and asked if this project was put out for bid.

Acting Public Works Director Gurule advised that Overhead Door was selected for the project and had worked with the City before.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that it was an SPD contract.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Interim City Manager Gallegos to explain how the SPD contract worked.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that it was a contract through the State Purchasing Division which have gone out with their proposals and identified three to four different vendors they can go through and added that they had utilized Overhead Door on other projects and were happy with their product. She explained that electrical work needed to be updated prior to installation of the door, that the cost of \$77,000.00 would come from the Airport Construction Fund and she would obtain the contract number if needed.

Councilor Casey asked what type of door would be used and what it would be made of.

Acting Public Works Director Gurule informed that they would purchase the motor-driven, bi-fold door.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for explanation of the exclusions and the clarifications of the contract.

Acting Public Works Director Gurule stated that the hardware would be included with the door, that they would exclude the plaster work of the building.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked how that would affect the warranty.

Acting Public Works Director Gurule advised that it would remain as a one year warranty.

Brief discussion took place regarding the acquiring of permits if needed.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as consent agenda item.



## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised there was no need to go into Executive Session.

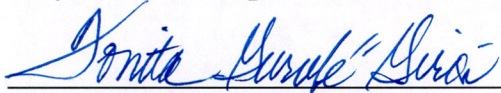
## **ADJOURN**

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

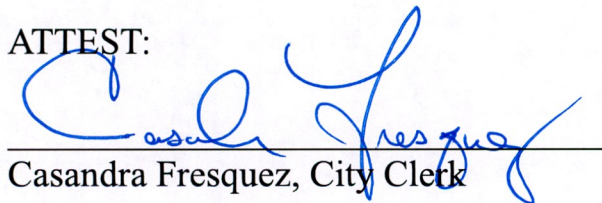
David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk